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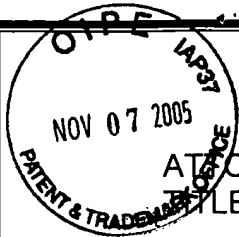
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2005, Applicant hereby amends the claims as follows and respectfully request allowance of the amended claims in view of the following Amendments and Remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.